

CLAIMS

1. An electric power tool comprising
a light source capable of emitting light, and
at least one component at least part of which is selfluminous, the component being capable of storing at least part of the light emitted from the light source and emitting light.
2. An electric power tool in accordance with claim 1, wherein the selfluminous component is disposed where the component is directly exposed to the light emitted from the light source.
3. An electric power tool in accordance with claim 2 further comprising a gear housing and a main housing which is coupled to a rear end of the gear housing, wherein the light source is disposed at a front end of the main housing on an underside of the gear housing, and further wherein the selfluminous component is an annular component mounted around a front end of the gear housing immediately forward of the light source.
4. An electric power tool in accordance with claim 3, wherein the selfluminous component has an annular shape made of a rubber containing a selfluminous material.
5. An electric power tool in accordance with claim 4 further comprising an annular groove provided in the front end of the gear housing for removably receiving the annular selfluminous component.
6. An electric power tool in accordance with claim 1 or 2, wherein the selfluminous component is selected from a group consisting of components operated by a user, components to which other components of the tool are attached, and attachments to the power tool.
7. An electric power tool in accordance with claim 6 further comprising an on/off trigger, a switch lever, a battery pack, a hook for hanging the power tool on a structure, and at least one bit, wherein the selfluminous component is selected from the group consisting of the on/off trigger, the switch lever, the battery pack, the hook, and the at least one bit.
8. An electric power tool in accordance with claim 1, wherein the component is

provided with selfluminous characteristics by coating of at least one selfluminous material thereon.

9. An electric power tool in accordance with claim 1, wherein the component is provided with selfluminous characteristics by mixing of at least one selfluminous material therein during the manufacturing of the component.

10. An electric power tool in accordance with claim 1, wherein the component provided with selfluminous characteristics is disposed on the part of the power tool irradiated by the light source.

11. An electric power tool in accordance with claim 10, wherein the selfluminous component is selected from a group consisting of components operated by a user, components to which other components of the tool are attached, and attachments to the power tool.

12. An electric power tool in accordance with claim 11 further comprising an on/off trigger, a switch lever, a battery pack, a hook for hanging the power tool on a structure, and at least one bit, wherein the selfluminous component is selected from the group consisting of the on/off trigger, the switch lever, the battery pack, the hook, and the at least one bit.